



# Press Release

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***January 3, 2011***  
*Case # 2011-000056*

Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 Lake County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to 9725 Ridgeview Trail, Concord Twp, Oh. On the report of an unresponsive, naked, 14 year old female outside of the residence. While Deputies were enroute an additional report was received that alleged that the 14 year old may have been sexually assaulted by the father of another juvenile at the residence.

Upon arrival Deputies found the naked 14 year old female being treated by Concord Twp. fire Department. The female was highly intoxicated and barely responsive. Also present outside of the residence were 5 additional juveniles and an 18 year old male. All the juveniles and the 18 year old male had been drinking alcohol as well. It was also learned that the homeowner subsequently identified as Christopher H Beller, D.O.B. 01-23-62 (Age 48) was inside the residence.

Preliminary interviews were conducted with the juveniles on scene and it was learned that that Mr. Beller had permitted his juvenile son to have a New Year Eve gathering at the residence and provided a bottle of alcohol and some beer to the juveniles prior to his leaving the residence for a short time.

Mr. Beller returned to the residence later in the evening and continued to provide alcohol and food to the juveniles in attendance. At approximately 0445 Hrs Mr. Beller was observed to be having sex with the 14 year old female by several in attendance at the party. A brief struggle ensued between Mr. Beller and his son while the others were able to escort the female outside and call the Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Beller was subsequently arrested on scene for Domestic Violence (M-1) Sheriff's Detectives were called in and based on their investigation Mr. Beller was charged with Rape (F-1). Mr. Beller will be arraigned this morning in Painesville Muni Court on these charges. Additional charges may be filed by the Lake County Prosecutors Office.

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